

Civil Service

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7 September 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Meetings on Civil Service Reform

1. The undersigned, accompanied by [redacted] of the Office of General Counsel, made several visits on the Hill in order to ensure that CIA's floor amendments to the Civil Service Reform bill, H.R. 11280, were being properly looked after.

2. Mr. William Bacchus, Office of Personnel, Department of State, provided us with a copy of his Department's proposed amendments which would, in affect, exempt the Foreign Service of the U.S. from the various provisions of H.R. 11280.

3. Cynthia Sprunger, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Jim Leach (R., Iowa) presented our suggested amendment to the geographic study provisions of the bill (Title XI, Section 1101) which would exempt classified information from any such study. Representative Leach refused to present the amendments because (1) he felt our arguments to be hypothetical and (2) he believed we were sufficiently protected in law. He did, however, agree to allow the amendment to go through in conference, a course acceptable to this office.

4. In an update meeting with Representative Edward Derwinski (R., Ill.) the undersigned briefed the Congressman on our recent efforts contacts and proposed amendments. He readily agreed to support all of the amendments as well as offer whatever support we might deem necessary in Conference.

5. Mr. David Minoton, General Counsel to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, in an early evening meeting, assured Messrs. [redacted] that our proposed amendments had been accepted and would be introduced on the floor by


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Representative Morris Udall (D., Ariz.). Mr. Mintion further agreed to raise with Mr. Udall the possibility of a total exemption for CIA and NSA from Title II of the bill, should State Department be granted the same.

6. The bill is now expected to come up for continued consideration late in the afternoon/evening of 7 September. OLC will monitor the floor debate from the Office of the Speaker and be prepared to take action should unanticipated difficulties arise.

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